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CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Group of Experts on
Protected Areas and Ecological Networks**

7th meeting
16 – 17 September 2015
Council of Europe, Strasbourg
Palais de l'Europe building, Room 8

Agenda

*Secretariat Memorandum prepared by
the Directorate of Democratic Governance*

Wednesday, 16th September (09h30 – 17h30)

11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

15:30 – 15:50 Coffee break

- 1. Opening of the meeting**
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**
- 3. Mandate of the Group and decisions of the 34th meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bern Convention on the protection of natural habitats – Secretariat of the Bern Convention**
 - Report of the 6th meeting of the GoEPAEN [T-PVS/PA(2014)14]
 - Extract from the list of decisions and adopted texts on the protection of habitats [T-PVS/PA(2015)7]
 - 3.1 Information on relevant work under other Groups of Experts of the Bern Convention in 2015 – Secretariat of the Bern Convention
 - Programme of work on Climatic Change and Biodiversity Conservation [T-PVS/Inf(2015)25]
- 4. The implementation of the Emerald Network Calendar 2011-2020 – Reports by Contracting Parties**
 - Calendar for the implementation of the Emerald Network (2011-2020) - T-PVS/PA(2010)08revE
 - Implementation of the Emerald Network Calendar (2011-2020) – National reports [T-PVS/PA(2015)5]
- 5. Overall mid-term review of progress in the implementation of the Emerald Network Calendar 2011-2020 – Report by the Secretariat of the Bern Convention**
 - Mid-term review of progress on the Emerald Network Calendar [T-PVS/PA(2015)6]
- 6. Tools for the Emerald Network implementation**
 - 6.1 Status of the new release of the Emerald Software (look-up tables for other species list, designation types, etc.)
 - 6.2 Revised Resolution No. 4 (1996) and new release of the Habitats Interpretation Manual
 - Revised Resolution No. 4 (1996)
 - Habitats Interpretation Manual, third revised version [T-PVS/PA(2015)9]
 - 6.3 Status of work on the taxonomy of possible new proposals for addition to Resolution No. 6 (1998) by the Catalogue of Life
 - 6.4 Reporting on the Emerald Network: revised reporting format (including discussion on delivery of distribution maps on species and habitats for all Emerald countries)
 - Second draft reporting format on Rec. No.16 (1989) and Res. No.5 (1998) [T-PVS/PA(2015)11]
- 7. Emerald Network management: exchange of experiences and guidance**
 - 7.1 Implementing the Emerald and Natura 2000 Networks in Croatia - Mrs. Ramona Topić, State Institute for Nature Protection, Croatia
 - 7.2 Implementing the Natura 2000 Network in Germany (tbc)
 - 7.3 Natura 2000 in Austria: example of examination and implementation of the FFH Directive at a locality of Eastern Austria – Mr. Werner Kammel
 - 7.4 Managing wild areas, restoration and non-intervention management - Mr. Toby Aykroyd, Wild Europe Initiative
 - 7.5 Update on current EUROPARC network initiatives – Mrs. Carole Ritchie, Executive Director, EUROPARC Federation

7.6 The new Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process for enhancing effective management, monitoring and reporting of the Natura 2000 network – Mrs. Aysegul Cil, ECNC

A dinner booking can be made at a restaurant (8pm) to help those wishing to get together in the evening. More information will be given during the meeting. Please note that this is not an invitation from the Council of Europe.

Thursday, 17th September (09h30 – 12h30)
10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

7.7 Draft Guidelines on planning management measures for Emerald sites, including climate change adaptation and mitigation – 3rd draft version and Draft Recommendation

Third draft Guidelines on planning management measures for Emerald sites [T-PVS/PA(2015)10]

8. Pan-European Ecological Network

8.1 Presentations on projects/initiatives on the establishment of ecological networks:

- A pilot ecological network in South Lithuania for improving the improve connectivity between reptile and amphibian populations – Mrs. Dalia Bastyte
- Ecological connectivity in France: La trame Verte et Bleue – Mr. Didier Labat

8.2 Implementation by Contracting Parties of Recommendation No. 25 (1991) on the conservation of natural areas outside protected areas proper – analysis of reports submitted by Contracting Parties, Mr. Rob Jongman

Analysis report on the follow up of Rec. No. 25 (1991) [T-PVS/PA(2015)8]

8.3 Discussion on the follow-up to be given to the analysis report

9. Future work of the Group of Experts

9.1 Programme of activities 2016

9.2 Next meeting of the Group of Experts

10. Any other business

11. Election of the new Chair of the Group of Experts

12. Conclusions of the meeting